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8 Dec 03

Please address all comments and inquiries to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District

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This notice announces an application submitted for a Department of the Army (DA) Permit, subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA).

APPLICANT: City of Paducah
P.O. Box 2267
Paducah, Kentucky 42002

AGENT: Florance & Hutchens, Inc.
P.O. Box 7267
Paducah, Kentucky 42002-7267

LOCATION: Pecan Drive, from Buckner Lane to Holt Road in
McCracken County, Kentucky, including Crooked Creek
and Perkins Creek

Latitude: 37-04-10.1515
Longitude: 88-40-53.9285

7.5 Minute Quad: Paducah West

PURPOSE: To provide for additional traffic volume and to
improve existing deficiencies to increase motorist
safety.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to extend Pecan Drive
from Buckner Lane to Holt Road by constructing a two-lane road with
crossings over Crooked Creek and Perkins Creek. The construction of
the roadway would require filling of approximately 0.23 acres of
jurisdictional wetlands, relocation of approximately 680 linear feet
of Perkins Creek, and widening of 870 linear feet of Crooked Creek.

In order to relocate Perkins Creek approximately 3500 cubic yards of
clay, sand and rock obtained from a commercial source would be placed
in the existing channel.

The crossing over Crooked Creek as well as the wetlands are considered
single and complete projects, which qualify for authorization under
the provisions of Nationwide Permit No. 14, Linear Transportation
Projects.

MITIGATION: The applicant submitted a mitigation plan to compensate for the impacts to the wetlands and approximately 2,170 feet of stream. The components of the plan consisted of the following:

The creation of approximately 0.3 acres of bottomland hardwood wetlands within the oxbow of Perkins Creek and enlarging an existing wooded wetland area in the floodplain of Perkins Creek by 1.7 acres.

Allowing 620 linear feet of Perkins Creek to remain and revert back to wetland/slack water habitat.

The relocation of approximately 680 linear feet of Perkins Creek by natural channel design.

The preservation of approximately 2.6 acres of existing bottomland hardwood wetlands and two acres of created wetlands. Also 1,730 linear feet of stream would be in permanent conservation easement.

It is noted that this proposed mitigation plan is open to comment and subject to change. The Corps will make a determination of appropriate mitigation, upon review of all submitted information.

REVIEW PROCEDURES: A DA Permit cannot be issued if any legally required Federal, State, or local authorization or certification is denied. A DA Permit, if otherwise warranted, will not be issued until a State of Kentucky Water Quality Certification or waiver is on file at this office. In order to comply with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, the applicant, by this notice, hereby applies for State certification from the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet Division of Water (KDOW).

Copies of this notice are sent to the appropriate Federal and State Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Their views and comments are solicited in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1956. Based on available information, the proposed activity will not destroy or endanger any Federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act, and therefore, initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. A request for a public hearing must state the specific interest which might be damaged by issuance of the DA Permit.

The National Register of Historic Places has been examined, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the Register which would be directly affected by the proposed work. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archaeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National

Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended
(including Public Law 96-515).

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal, will be considered; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetic values, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production, and in general, the needs and welfare of the public. In addition, the evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines (40 CFR Part 230) promulgated by the Administrator, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the CWA.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Written statements received in this office on or before the closing date will become a part of the official record and will be considered in the determination on this permit request. Any objections which are received during this period will be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

Information pertaining to this application is available for public examination during normal business hours upon prior request. All comments regarding this proposal should be addressed to Mr. Russell L. Retherford, CEORL-OP-FS at the address noted above and should refer to the Public Notice Number 200301051.